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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 5010

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF GABON PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO PYONGYANG

REF: SEOUL 4772 (NOTAL)

1. MOFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU  
HAN U-SOK JULY 7 GAVE POL COUNS FOLLOWING RUN-DOWN ON  
REASON GABON PRESIDENT BONGO CANCELLED SCHEDULED VISIT TO  
PYONGYANG.

2. ACCORDING HAN, BONGO PERSONALLY TOLD KOREAN  
AMBASSADOR TO GABON, KIM CHANG-HUN, THAT DURING STOP-  
OVER IN ROMANIA, BONGO WAS TOLD BY ROMANIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER THAT NORTH KOREANS WANTED HIM TO OMIT SEOUL  
FROM ASIAN TRIP ITINERARY. BONGO LATER DISCUSSED  
THIS MATTER WITH NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN BUCHAREST,  
WHO INSISTED THAT SEOUL STOP BE DROPPED EVEN THOUGH  
BONGO REMONSTRATED THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED BEFOREHAND  
THAT TRIP WOULD INVOLVE VISITS TO BOTH NORTH AND  
SOUTH KOREA. ANGERED AT NORTH KOREA'S POSITION, BONGO  
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DECIDED TO GO TO SEOUL AND TO CANCEL THE PYONGYANG

VISIT. THERE WAS SOME GRUMBLING IN BONGO'S  
ENTOURAGE OVER THIS DECISION, BUT GABON FOREIGN  
MINISTER AND OTHERS STRONGLY SUPPORTED MOVE ON GROUNDS  
THAT ROK FAR MORE IMPORTANT ECONOMICALLY.  
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